

On your label is a date;  
Renew before it is too late.

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## State And Local To Be Lowered

Governor Will Call Special Session Of The Legislature For That Purpose—One-fifth To Two-fifths Of Present Rates Will Suffice.

The last argument of those opposed to the operation of the Tax Commission Law has been removed since Gov. Gardner has advised the Commission that he will convene the Legislature in extra session for the special purpose of reducing the maximum rates of taxes for State and local purposes. Many taxpayers have been misled into the belief that an assessment of property at its true value meant a very large increase in the amount of taxes to be collected.

In announcing that the rates of levy would be greatly reduced the Governor is adhering to the time honored policy that no more taxes shall be collected than is absolutely necessary for the proper administration of government when economically expended.

The Governor in communicating to the Tax Commission is quoted as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th reporting progress in the tax reform movement, and asking for authority to advise the public that in making the call for the special session of the Legislature, I shall include a consideration of legislation, not only reducing State tax rate levy, but reducing the maximum tax rate levies now permitted to be made by all local levying bodies.

## A Mother To Her Soldier Boy At The Front

The following is from a letter of a mother to her son, a boy of 21, who has enlisted in the army and gone to a mobilization camp, the first time he has ever been absent over night from his mother's home:

"When this war came three years ago, as you know, I hated it and thanked God you were not yet old enough to fight.

"Now I see it differently. As the war has continued I have come to recognize that we are fighting for the highest cause for which a nation can fight, not for domination nor possession nor for material aggrandizement. We are fighting for aggrandizement in the sight of God.

"To serve and to sacrifice is the doctrine of Christ. As one nation after another has joined the allies many of the organizations and the people that stand for Christ's teaching—for service and sacrifice—have thrown their service in with the fate of the nation and offered their sacrifice, even to their lives.

"The Young Men's Christian Association has sent men both to fight and to uplift. The Young Women's Christian Association works in all ways such as woman can work to further right.

"The Salvation Army has sent to the trenches its quota of workers and fighters. When my own clergyman puts on the humbleness of Christ,

"I write this letter to assure the State Tax Commission that in the call for the special session of the General Assembly, I shall include, not only the consideration of legislation for the reduction of the State rate tax levy, including the levy made for paying the capitol bond and the interest on school certificates, but also reducing and further limiting the maximum rates of levy that are now permitted to be made by county courts, city councils, boards of aldermen, trustees and school boards; and also a reduction of rate of levy now required by law to be made to entitle a county to become a beneficiary of state and federal road money.

"After a legal assessment, as provided by law, has become a reality, which it will when the 1917 assessment is completed and accepted, the total of all rates of levy may be reduced to from 20 to 40 per cent of what it now is. These rates by legislation can and must be so reduced. This statement is made that revenue officers, especially members of county boards of equalization, and the public generally, may understand that in the special session to be called all maximum rates of levy will be reduced to meet the new legal assessed valuation and the revenue conditions resulting therefrom."

### GO TO CAMP FUNSTON.

Henry Cassidy of Laddonia and R. A. Angert of Mexico, drafted for army service, have gone to Camp Funston. They were exempted, but later their discharge was revoked.

Circuit Clerk E. F. Elliott reports that there were 32 divorces in Audrain county during 1916.

## THE NEGRO SOLDIERS ARE TO GO SATURDAY.

Colored Friends Arranging For A Banquet And Other Honors And Entertainment.

Audrain county's first quota of colored citizen soldiers have been notified that they must assemble in Mexico tomorrow and the following day they must be off for Camp Funston. There are 31 of the men.

The local colored citizens have perfected every detail for a fine farewell entertainment.

The following constitute the quota:

William Henry Lewright.  
Jasper Richard Kemp.  
William Patterson.  
Howard Hoffman.  
Albert McDonald.  
Ernest Ramsey.  
George Hill.  
Ollie Right.  
Charles Edward Spotter.  
Jake Rus Gardner.  
Henry Sharee.  
Florence Jones.  
Clyde Phillips.  
Percy Guy.  
Edward Thomas.  
Alle Gibson.  
Gilbert Holt.  
John Palmer.  
Henry Jackson.  
John Boyd.  
Thurston White.  
Carl Cooper.  
Simon G. Booker.  
Grimley Bell.  
Oscar Lee Towsley.  
Warner Grant.  
Harold Holt.  
Scott Hutchen.  
Pet Talton.  
William Scott Marteen.  
John Henry White.

## SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY.

The American Telephone & Telegraph Company and its Associated Companies forming the Bell System, announce a subscription in behalf of themselves and their employees of \$5,000,000.00 to the second Liberty Loan.

This subscription is to be allotted to localities or sections of the country as nearly as may be in proportion to the quotas assigned by the Treasury Department to the various Federal Reserve Districts, so that each such District will get credit for its proportionate share of the total sum.

The actual subscription will be made in each locality by the Associated Company operating in each locality.

## GIRL AND HER FATHER HAVE JAIL EXPERIENCE.

Montgomery City, Mo., Oct. 17.—Miss Rose Butler and her father, James Butler, are both in the county jail here tonight.

The girl assisted Frank Tally in his effort to break jail, pleaded guilty and was given a year in jail.

Her father was arrested today on a charge of burglary. Tally has been drafted and sent to the army at Fort Riley.

### REVIVAL MEETING.

Rev. J. L. Nickerson begins a revival meeting at Trinity church next Sunday night. He will preach at Olivet Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

C. C. Ingram of Laddonia was in to see The Message Monday. He says the fuel situation is desperate in his town, also. Jim Wilkins got in a car of coal the other day and the folks came near commandeering the coal and Jim, too, before he could say scat.

A large aeroplane passed over Auxvasse last Friday night. It was going westerly. It had a powerful searchlight which it flashed down at the town as it passed over. Editor Hook thinks it was too serious to joke him. It gave him a thrill—that's made him feel querr ever since.

### MEXICO SAVINGS BANK

50th Year in Business  
Capital Stock \$100,000

R. M. WHITE, President.  
J. R. JESSE, Cashier.

## MEXICO COUPLE WEDDED.

Drive In Auto To Clinton, Mo.—Surprise Their Friends Here—Are Now Here And "Settled Down."

The Clinton (Mo.) Eye contained the following paragraph last week:

Gordon Ridgeway and Miss Elizabeth J. Taft, both of Mexico, Mo., were married by Rev. A. N. Lindsey at his home at 11:30 October 11th. They came down that evening with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Taft, from Mexico in their car and were married right after their arrival. The bride wore a becoming brown suit, trimmed in grey fur. She is one of Mexico's popular girls, and a sister of Mrs. Harry Witt of this city, and has many friends here, as she has visited in Clinton quite often. The groom is the American Express agent in Mexico. They were at home to their friends in Mexico after Monday. They visited at the home of Mr. Witt several days before returning. Mr. Taft went from here to Oklahoma Saturday, and the others returned to Mexico in the car. The happy couple have the Eye's congratulations.

Frank Owings arrived home last week from the Great Lakes Training School on a two weeks' furlough. Frank is looking healthy and well kept.

Otto Kunkel, formerly of southeast of Mexico, who holds an important place in the Department of Agriculture in Washington City, was shaking hands with friends here last week.

The Associated Union of the Baptist women of Audrain county will meet in Vandalia Thursday, November 13th.

Mrs. Mattie Buchanan of near Perry visited her brother, Dr. W. H. Hickman, in Mexico last week.

Mrs. S. L. Hickam at Boonville in renewing for The Message adds this much appreciated note—"Don't see how I could do without The Message."

A. G. Adell is arranging to move to Kansas City to spend the winter.

Mrs. Thurman Stallings of Mexico visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Barbee, near Vandalia, last week.

Mrs. L. P. Crigler of Webster Groves is visiting her son, Martyn, a cadet in Missouri Military Academy.

Mrs. W. J. Crow of Farber came to the Mexico Hospital for treatment last week.

The Message will be \$1.50 a year after December 1st. If you owe us, pay up and take a year ahead at the \$1.00 rate. Many are doing this. Several have been liberal enough to advance \$1.50 to get a year ahead.

## WHY HE FAVORS SHEEP.

Sheep and poultry are taking the place of cattle and hogs on the S. L. Tally farm, north of Lees Summit, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Tally are pioneer farmers. They have arrived at an age when they want to slow up, so far as farm work is concerned. They have found after ten years' experience in the sheep breeding business that sheep make greater profit with less care than any other live stock on the farm, says the Kansas City Star.

"A beef cow requires as much feed as eight head of sheep," Mr. Tally said recently. "The profit from the eight sheep is more than \$100 annually; from the grade beef cow less than that amount. In addition the sheep keep down the weeds on the farm, are less expensive and less work."

Mr. Tally had 140 acres of land, the greater part of it in bluegrass. Thirty-five ewes have 52 lambs this year. He has 16 other ewes too young to breed this year. From the 51 ewes he will make \$750 this year from wool and lambs. He has 31 head of grade beef cattle on the farm.

"The net profit on the sheep is greater than on the cattle, while the cattle require a larger investment," Mr. Tally said. "Sheep are no trouble whatever. I almost broke myself down fighting weeds on the farm and in the pastures until I placed sheep there. Sheep will eat most everything that grows. They re-

quire no feed during the pasture season, of course. I winter my sheep in the bluegrass pastures. They eat the weeds and grass in winter and any sprout that comes up during the year.

"In February, when the lambing season begins, I feed them some clover or alfalfa hay and a mixture of oats and bran. I find that they do better on oats and bran than on corn chops and bran. The feeding period is short, of course, and that is the big feature. It requires very little farming to raise sheep. Weeds on most farms are looked upon as a nuisance. Farmers spend weeks fighting them and they go to waste. Weeds are an asset where sheep are kept. Sheep turn weeds into money, and they are the only things that will. Every farm at least ought to have enough sheep to keep the weeds down."

"In the ten years I have been raising sheep they have made me greater profit, the amount of the investment and labor considered, than any other live stock. I am going to sell my cattle and keep about 100 ewes. They will make me about \$1,500 a year, and I won't have to do much farming to raise feed for them—just hay and roughage. They do mighty well on corn fodder.

"With the sheep we will combine the poultry business. My wife averages more than \$500 a year from her poultry. We will keep just a few head of milk cows and sell the extra butter and cream. We will raise just enough hogs for our own use. We have a fine garden, berry patch and orchard. We also have bees and wouldn't do without them as a side line. We can a lot of vegetables and fruit, and visit the grocery store very seldom. We live at home and live well.

"Cattle require a lot of feed in winter. There is good profit in cattle and I do not want to discourage the farmer who likes the cattle business. I like cattle, too, but I am arriving at an age where I can't do as much farm work, and where little work and big profits look good. That is the reason I am going to turn exclusively to sheep. I have made money breeding grade beef cattle. Every farmer ought to have live stock and crops ought to be marketed thru live stock and poultry.

"Wool from sheep more than pays for their keep. A good crop of lambs represents the profit. In addition they are the great labor savers."

L. W. Roberts for first-class service and funeral work. Licensed embalmers. Answer calls promptly day or night.

## CENTRAL CHAPTER O. E. S. Celebrates Its First Anniversary— Three State Officers Present—Has A Membership Of 32.

Mexico, Mo., Oct. 22.—On October 19, 1916, an order of the O. E. S. was constituted at Central, the Masonic Hall, 17 miles northwest of Mexico, with 24 charter members. The order has grown until it now has 32 members.

They celebrated their first anniversary by having their Charter constituted by the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Julia McCool, of Harrisonville, and District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Bessie Mayhall, of Laddonia.

Other installing officers were Mrs. Jennie Fisher, Grand Associate Matron; Mrs. Lina Smiley, Grand Associate Conductress; Mrs. J. W. Beagles, Grand Conductress; Mrs. Annie Beal, Grand Chaplain; Mrs. Bessie Mayhall, Grand Marshal; Miss Effie Drake, Grand Warder; Judge J. W. Beagles, Grand Sentinel.

Visitors present from Santa Fe Chapter were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fisher, Miss Effie Drake, Judge and Mrs. Beagles, and Mrs. Lina Smiley, who is D. D. G. M. of District No. 17; from Mexico Chapter: Mrs. Annie Beal; Laddonia Chapter, Mrs. Bessie Mayhall.

Members of Central felt it was quite an honor to have three Grand Chapter officers meet with them at one time.

The officers of Central Chapter are: W. M., Miss Carrie Edwards; W. P., E. E. Pierce; Asso. M., Mrs. Mamie McGee, Sec'y, Hettie Pierce; Treasurer, Mrs. Flora Slonaker; Asso. C., Miss Lena Carpenter; C., Mrs. Annie Calloway; Chaplain, Mrs. Helena Edwards; Adah, Miss Katie Edwards; Ruth, Mrs. Maude House-

## MISSOURI BOY SAYS

### FRANCE LOOKS TO U. S.

Columbia, Mo., Oct. 22.—"France is expecting great things of America in the immediate future, and I hope our Missouri U. boys will make a creditable showing for themselves." This is the message from J. H. Patrick, a graduate of the University of Missouri, who went to France with Pershing and who is now with the Chief Surgeon's Office at the headquarters of the American Expeditionary Force. In the same office is another M. U. graduate, Walter Mandry. Both are Missouri boys, Patrick being from Higbee and Mandry from Moberly.

"We are in the eastern portion of France at a much higher altitude than Paris and the result is that the weather conditions are much better," Patrick writes. "The days are usually cold and the nights cold enough that five army blankets are not at all out of place. We put in from 8 until 6 each day, seven days to the week." After a bit when we get additional help, we hope to be able to explore the surrounding country which is beautiful beyond description."

## LITTLEBY METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. L. Nickerson, the new Methodist preacher on the Mexico Circuit, held a two weeks' revival meeting recently at Littleby Methodist Church. There were four accessions to the membership and the church was unified and built up. The people like Brother Nickerson. In three minutes' time one evening they raised him a \$16.50 cash donation, and that was good, too.

Littleby Methodist Church is one of the very best rural churches of the county. They are all good folks down that way.

Mrs. John Akridge of Laddonia underwent an operation in the Mexico Hospital last week.

Mrs. Earl Wiseman and small son of Kansas City are visiting Mrs. Wiseman's sisters in Mexico, Mrs. Joseph Springer and Mrs. E. F. Kunkel.

The Message thought with Senator W. J. Stone at the start, that Uncle Sam should have kept out of this war, but developments have shown that we had no choice. The Kaiser smote us in the face; we turned the other cheek and he smote that also. He had this country full of spies four years ago—was virtually waging war against us. Now that we are in the war, there is nought left but to clean up the Hohenzollern crowd good and plenty.

## MEXICO CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN STAR ENTERTAINED

Mexico Chapter Order of the Eastern Star entertained their presiding State officer, Mrs. Julia McCool, of Harrisonville, Mo., at their regular session Friday at Masonic Hall. They had present also District Deputy Grand Matron, Mrs. Bess Mayhall of Laddonia, Mo., and the following from Central and Santa Fe Chapters: Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. McGee, Mrs. Otto Howard, C. B. Slonaker, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fisher, also Mrs. Boyer of St. Joseph and Mrs. J. W. Cashman of Pattersonburg.

Worthy Grand Matron Julia McCool made the principal address of the evening, giving those fortunate enough to be present a clear insight into the aims and ideals of the Order. The response was made by Rev. Wharton of the Episcopal Church. A welcome was accorded Sister Mayhall as our new Deputy Matron.

The evening closed with refreshments at the Gem.

Mexico members taking part were Mrs. John Beal, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Vanhorn, Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Elliott, Miss Rilla Correll, Mr. and Mrs. Reube Markwell, Rev. Wharton, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Haskell, Mr. and Mrs. Feinstein, Mrs. John Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wood, Mrs. Bunton, Mrs. Bert Sims, Mrs. Gus Steinman, and Miss Rilla Correll.

holder; Esther, Mrs. Grant Howard; Martha, Mrs. Mary Lena Carpenter; Electa, Mrs. Addie Rudasill; Warder, Mrs. Eugenia Edwards; Sentinel, Otto L. Carpenter. Organist, Mrs. Mettie Slonaker; Marshal, Mrs. Mollie Cawthorn.

## The Henry Ford Of The Air--Has Dreams

Dayton, Ohio, Oct. 17.—Orville Wright, "king of the air," working hard to become the Henry Ford of the air."

The air wizard may soon startle the world with a discovery almost as revolutionary as that with which he and his brother, Wilbur, amazed mankind.

This time it is to be the first practical flying machine.

In his experimental laboratory here in Dayton, Wright is working hard to make his second great dream come true.

He wants to see the airplane as serviceable and as cheap a vehicle as the humble flier.

All this was gained in a three hour talk with the "air king" today. "What are you working on now?" Wright was asked.

Room for Improvement.

"I'm experimenting with wing models to increase the efficiency of plane surfaces."

"Then there is room for improvement here?"

"Plenty," was the reply. "Big battle planes don't interest me much except that I know they are needed

to end the war, so we may tackle the airplane for the uses of peace.

"What is wanted is a comparatively low-powered machine, say of 100-horse power; whose wings surfaces are so efficient and whose inherent stability is so high it won't require a big-field to alight in."

"After the war flying will become safe, popular and comparatively cheap."

"As soon as the war is over I expect to see the whole country mapped out with highways. Along these routes, say every seven miles, there will be alighting stations and hangers."

"With these airdomes as near to each other as this, it always will be easy for an aviator to make a safe landing in case of engine trouble."

"While flying one-half to one mile above ground is a very modest altitude nowadays, it will be easy to glide to safety if you get stalled midway between these stations."

"We already have an air route between here and Indianapolis, with airdomes seven miles apart, and I am looking forward to the rapid extension of this system as soon as the war is over."